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Bill Scruton  
MN Dept of Health  
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Mpls, MN 55440

RE: High incidence of cancer in St Louis Park neighborhood

Dear Mr Scruton:

In this morning's phone conversation, I shared my concerns about the high incidence of cancer in my neighborhood, and a possible tie-in to contaminated wells in St Louis Park. You will recall that we are located directly between the former creosote plant and the water tower at 34th and Wyoming. I understand that four St Louis Park wells have been closed due to contamination (two sealed with concrete).

My oncologist Dr I. E. Fortuny at the St Louis Park Medical Center urged me to make you and Dr Schuman aware of this.

Enclosed is a list of people who have contacted cancer, most of whom had occurrences in the last ten years. Since I talked to you this morning, I have discovered five additional cases -- simply by word of mouth contact. Keep in mind, I don't know everyone in the area; I would suggest a large newspaper add might draw more response.

Of the nineteen people listed, sixteen are women. All but two discovered the cancer in the late 40's or early 50's. Five had breast cancer. Ten people lived in five houses, but only two sets of two are related. The only two I don't know personally are un-named.

(You mentioned that you were particularly interested in breast cancer. You might also be interested in the fact that four young women, raised in this neighborhood, have been unable to conceive children. I have not researched this; I only know these four personally.)

Please feel free to call me at my home (638-4558) if you have any questions. I will appreciate follow-up. Thank you.

Respectfully,

*John G. Heubach* (Signature)

Mrs John G Heubach

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cc Dr Leonard Schuman, Epidemiology, State Board of Health  
Mr Dave Grey, MN Dept of Health

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The following people have contacted cancer. Note the close proximity of addresses, and that ten people lived in five houses.

- 1) Mrs. William (Jerri) Cook. Lived at 3309 Texas from approx. 1956-1964. Died of leukemia in Florida about 1976. Contacted cancer in late 30's. Family now in Florida.
- 2) Mrs William (Marjorie) McFadden. Lives at 3309 Texas (1964-present). Contacted breast cancer about age 54 in 1974.
- 3) Mrs Richard (Ethel) Monitor. 3317 Texas from 1978-present. Neck (glands?) cancer in 1979, in early 50's.
- 4) Mrs John (Eve) Heubach. 3325 Texas Av from 1950-present. Breast cancer in 1977 at age 54.
- 5) Elizabeth Heubach. 3325 Texas, from birth in 1959 to present. Cervical cancer at age 18.
- 6) Wanda Schumacher. 3341 Texas from 1950-1954. Uterine cancer in 1959; colon cancer in 1972 (in late 40's). Presently at 5833 Ashcroft S.
- 7) Mrs William (Eleanor) Parker. 3347 Texas from 1954-1958, then at 3419 Rhode Island until her death in 1977. Had leukemia and M.S.. Cancer contacted in late 40's.
- 8) Delores Schander. 3349 Texas from 1950-present. Breast cancer in 1975 when in late 40's or early 50's.
- 9) Mrs Eugene (Mary) Schwantz. 3356 Texas from 1950-1958; at 3405 Yukon from '58-present. Contacted breast cancer in early 50's in 1978.
- 10) Suzette Fincham (now Mrs Jim Benson of Minnetonka). Lived at 3348 Texas for eight years as child. Thyroid cancer at age 28 about two years ago. (Note: information from mother Mrs Gerald Fincham; daughter is reluctant to discuss this.)
- 11) Maxine Parker. Lived at 3308 Sumter from early 1950's until her death about 5 years ago. Died of cancer in her early 50's.
- 12) Mrs Lee (Dorothy) Lenander. Lived at 3238 Texas for about 12 years. Died, in her 40's, in 1971 of cancer.
- 13) Corrine Hunt. Lived at 3334 Utah for 8 years; currently at 2940 Flag So. Born and raised in St Louis Park. Breast cancer in 1976 at age 46.
- 14) Mr. Moen. 3300 Texas. Died about 5 years ago of prostate cancer, in late 70's. Wife moved to Arizona.
- 15) Robert Nelson. 3333 Texas from 1952-1964; now in Kansas. Skin cancer prior to 1965.
- 16) Jayne DuBois. 3354 Utah from 1954 to present. Cervical cancer in 1959; basil cell carcinoma of skin within last 2 yrs.

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- 17) Patty Du Bois. 3354 Utah from birth in 1958-present.  
Carcinoma of skin, recently. Now age 21.
- 18) Un-named male. 33 Utah since 1963. "Low grade malignant  
brain tumor". Patient has not been told; do not contact.
- 19) Un-named female. 81 W 34th Street. Died within last  
few weeks (I hesitated to contact this family for more  
information.)

Note: I have talked to most of the above people about this  
information.

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